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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 14-16, 19, 30, 31, 34, 35, 39, and 40 as follows:

4. (AMENDED) The method of claim 3, wherein said selection marker is leucine, histidine, tryptophan, or uracil.
6. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, wherein said tag is myc, HA, or FLAG 6his.